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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Paper No. 6 filed 13 February 2002.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-57.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.


ALBERT DECADY
 SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2100

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign(s) not mentioned in the description: '402' in Figure 4B. Corrected drawings or amendment to the specification to add the reference sign(s) in the description, are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-57 are allowed.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The present invention pertains to a method for interleaving a plurality of data frames for transmission via a plurality of modems in a modem pool, where each of said data frames includes a plurality of code words having a predefined level of error correction.

Claim 1 recites various features:

"assigning said plurality of data frames to a corresponding plurality of modem time frames, wherein a plurality of code word symbols in each of said data frames is assigned to a plurality of time slots in said modems in said corresponding time frames

such that said predefined level of error correction is sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given a predefined level of modem loss or malfunction; and moving any of said code word symbols assigned to one of said time frames to another of said time frames such that said predefined level of error correction is sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given a predefined level of cross-modem error burst while preserving said predefined level of error correction sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given said predefined level of modem loss or malfunction".

The Prior Art of record, and in particular Furuta; Akihiro et al. (US 6598198 B1, hereafter referred to as Furuta), teach a method for interleaving a plurality of data frames for transmission via a plurality of modems in a modem pool (see Figure 2 and 9 in Furuta; Note: col. 7, lines 62-67 in Furuta teach that various OFDM sub-carriers are used to transport transmission frames; the mechanism for modulating the various OFDM sub-carriers is a modem pool since the Authoritative Dictionary of IEEE Standards Terms defines modem as a modulator-demodulator device and each of the sub-carriers requires a separate means for modulating and demodulating onto the sub-carrier frequency band), where each of said data frames includes a predefined level of error corrections (col. 1, lines 15-20 in Furuta teach that each of said data frames includes a predefined level of error corrections). The prior art however are not concerned with and do not teach a method whereby "each of said data frames includes a plurality of code words having a predefined level of error correction the method comprising: assigning said plurality of data frames to a corresponding plurality of

modem time frames, wherein a plurality of code word symbols in each of said data frames is assigned to a plurality of time slots in said modems in said corresponding time frames such that said predefined level of error correction is sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given a predefined level of modem loss or malfunction; and moving any of said code word symbols assigned to one of said time frames to another of said time frames such that said predefined level of error correction is sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given a predefined level of cross-modem error burst while preserving said predefined level of error correction sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given said predefined level of modem loss or malfunction" as taught by claim 1. Hence the prior art taken alone or in any combination fail to teach the claimed novel feature in claim 1.

Claims 20 and 39 recite substantially the same language as in claim 1.

Claims 2-9, 21-28 and 40-47 depend from respective claims 1, 20 and 39.

Claim 10 recites various features:

"assigning said plurality of data frames to a corresponding plurality of modem time frames, wherein a plurality of code word symbols in each of said data frames is assigned to a plurality of time slots in said modems in said corresponding time frames such that said predefined level of error correction is sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given a predefined level of modem loss or malfunction; constructing a matrix having a plurality of rows and columns, each row comprising a different one of said data frames and each column corresponding to one of said

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modems via which said code word symbols in said column are assigned; and changing the order of the code word symbols in any of the columns of said matrix such that said predefined level of error correction is sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given a predefined level of cross-modem error burst while preserving said predefined level of error correction sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given said predefined level of modem loss or malfunction".

The Prior Art of record, and in particular Furuta; Akihiro et al. (US 6598198 B1, hereafter referred to as Furuta), teach a method for interleaving a plurality of data frames for transmission via a plurality of modems in a modem pool (see Figure 2 and 9 in Furuta; Note: col. 7, lines 62-67 in Furuta teach that various OFDM sub-carriers are used to transport transmission frames; the mechanism for modulating the various OFDM sub-carriers is a modem pool since the Authoritative Dictionary of IEEE Standards Terms defines modem as a modulator-demodulator device and each of the sub-carriers requires a separate means for modulating and demodulating onto the sub-carrier frequency band), where each of said data frames includes a predefined level of error corrections (col. 1, lines 15-20 in Furuta teach that each of said data frames includes a predefined level of error corrections). The prior art however are not concerned with and do not teach a method whereby "each of said data frames includes a plurality of code words having a predefined level of error correction, the method comprising: assigning said plurality of data frames to a corresponding plurality of modem time frames, wherein a plurality of code word symbols in each of said data frames is assigned to a plurality of time slots in said modems in said corresponding time

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frames such that said predefined level of error correction is sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given a predefined level of modem loss or malfunction; constructing a matrix having a plurality of rows and columns, each row comprising a different one of said data frames and each column corresponding to one of said modems via which said code word symbols in said column are assigned; and changing the order of the code word symbols in any of the columns of said matrix such that said predefined level of error correction is sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given a predefined level of cross-modem error burst while preserving said predefined level of error correction sufficient to correct error or loss caused to any of said symbols given said predefined level of modem loss or malfunction" as taught by claim 10. Hence the prior art taken alone or in any combination fail to teach the claimed novel feature in claim 10.

Claims 29 and 48 recite substantially the same language as in claim 10.

Claims 11-19, 30-38 and 49-57 depend from respective claims 10, 29 and 48.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Wright; David A. et al. (US 6366776 B1) teaches and coordination between the uplinks and downlinks for communication satellite systems. Pirez; Didier et al. (US 5572548 A) teaches a method of coherent modulation and demodulation for HF (high frequency) data transmission at a high bit rate. Friedman; Vladimir et al. (US 5983388 A) teaches forward error correction (FEC) arrangement for multipoint to single point communication systems such as discrete wavelet multitone (DMT(DWMT)) systems and time division multiplexed (TDM) systems. Pecen; Mark Edward et al. (US 6424637 B1) teaches synchronization of a mobile station during handover between a third generation communication system and the Global System for Mobile Communications system. Wong; Wing Tak Kenneth et al. (US 5983174 A) teaches digitally coded speech signals. Yamanaka; Ryutaro (US 6065149 A) teaches an error correction device suitable for a communication system using a concatenated code. Sadanaka; Nobuyuki (US 5400305 A) teaches an audio visual information signal reproducing apparatus for reproducing an audio visual information signal of the MUSE (Multiple Sub-Nyquist Sampling Encode) system, which is a transmission system for high definition television. Pommier; Daniel et al. (US 5191576 A) teaches broadcasting of digital data designed to be received notably by moving receivers in an urban environment, namely in the presence of interferences or jamming, under conditions of multiple propagation (RAYLEIGH process) generating a phenomenon of fading. Voith; Raymond P. et al. (US 5636224 A) teaches a method and apparatus for interleave/de-

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interleave addressing in data communication circuits. McCourt, P.M.; Kaouri, H.A.; Transform coding at 4.8 kbit/sec using interleaving of transform frames and dual gain-shape vector quantization, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing, Volume: 2, 27-30 April 1993, Pages: 624 – 627.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph D. Torres whose telephone number is (703) 308-7066. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on (703) 305-9595. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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